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REF: TUNIS 1449 AND 1466 (NOTAL)

1. WITH THEIR DEPARTURE 0900 HOURS MARCH 4 FOR LUXOR, EGYPT, CHASE CHAIRMAN DAVID ROCEFELLER AND PARTY COMPLETED WHAT REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE CHARACTERIZES AS "HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL" TWO-DAY VISIT TO TUNISIA, HIGHLIGHTED BY CHAIRMAN AND AMBASSADOR'S HELF HOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA AND DINNER HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER. OVERALL, CHASE PARTY HAD CORDIAL AND FRANK EXCHANGES AT HIGHEST LEVELS INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA (ONE HOUR OFFICE INTERVIEW PLUS EXTENDED CONVERSATION EN ROUTE TO AMBASSADOR'S LUNCHEON) AND OTHER KEY ECONOMIC OFFICIALS. PRESS COVERAGE WAS EXTENSIVE. CHASE OFFICIALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TELL US THEY REAFFIRMED INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH OFF-SHORE BANKING UNIT (APPROVED BY GOT BY YET TO GO BEFORE FEDERAL RESERVE) AND PROMISED TO SEEK NEW WAYS TO ASSIST WITH PROMOTION BOTH OF AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN TUNISIA AND OF TUNISIA'S EXPORTS.

2. TWO-DAY SCHEDULE BEGAN MARCH 2 WITH ARRIVAL AT MONASTIR-

SKANES AIRPORT FOR MOULED HOLIDAY VISIT TO MONASTIR AND HOLY CITY OF KAIROUAN, HOSTED BY SENIOR PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ARCHEOLOGICAL ARTS. GIVEN VIP RECEPTION AT TUNIS AIRPORT BY CABINET REPRESENATIVE (SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT MONCEF BEL HADJ AMOR) AND CHIEF OF PALACE PROTOCOL, CHASE PARTY THAT EVENING ATTENDED RECEPTION GIVEN BY CHASE REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE COURBAGE.

- 3. CROWDED SCHEDULE OF CHASE PARTY (MESSRS. ROCKEFELLER, FENN, REED AND COURBAGE) FOR MARCH 3 STARTED WITH COUNTRY TEAM BRIEFING AT CHANCERY, FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS WITH PRESIDENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK (BDET), HABIB BOURGUIBA JR; PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, WITH AMBASSADOR; PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA; PLAN MINISTER ZAANOUNI; ACTING CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR BOUSBIA; FINANCE MINISTER FITOURI; AND NATIONAL ECONOMY MINISTER LASRAM.
- 4. RESPITE FROM APPOINTMENTS AFFORDED BY SMALL LUNCHEON HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR FOR ROCKEFELLER PARTY; TUNISIAN GUESTS INCLUDED PRIME MINISTER, PLAN MINISTER AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT/MINISTER IN CHARGE OF RELATIONS WITH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, AND AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON ALI HEDDA. PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER THAT EVENING, ALSO ATTENDED BY AMBASSADOR, INCLUDED THESE AND OTHER KEY OFFICIALS.
- 5. CHAS REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO EMBASSY FOR ITS ROLE IN SUPPORTING VISIT.
- 6. SEPARATE CABLES (TUNIS 1449 AND 1466) AND MEMCON TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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